

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING MINUTES**

DATE: February 16-17, 2006

TIME: 9:00 am Both Days

LOCATION: Embassy Suites SFO/Burlingame
150 Anza Blvd.
Burlingame, CA

PRESENT: LaFrancine Tate, Public Member, President
Grace Corse, RN, Vice President
Jill Furillo, RN, Vice President
Carmen Morales-Board, MSN, RN, NP
Elizabeth O. Dietz, Ed.D. RN,CS-NP
Janice Glaab, Public Member
Mary C.Hayashi, Public Member
Orlando H. Pile, M.D.
Susanne Phillips, MSN, RN, APRN-BC, FNP

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Ruth Ann Terry, MPH, RN, Executive Officer
Elliot Hochberg, Manager, Enforcement Program
Carol Stanford, Diversion/Probation Acting Program Manager
Heidi Goodman, Manager, Licensee & Administrative Services
Louisa Gomez, Manager, Licensing Standards & Evaluation; Advanced Practice
Louise Bailey, MEd, RN, Supervising NEC
Miyo Minato, NEC, RN
Grace Arndt, MSN, RN, NEC
Carol Mackay, RN, NEC
Melissa Crowell, Administrative Law Judge
Hannah Hirsch-Rose, Deputy Attorney General
Jonathan Cooper, Deputy Attorney General
LaVonne Powell, Legal Counsel
Christina Sprigg, Enforcement Program
Eleanor Calhoun, Recording Secretary

Thursday, February 16, 2006

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

L. Tate, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and had the Board members introduce themselves. The Board welcomed students from American River College, Solano Community College, and San Jose State University.

2.0 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

The Board convened in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3) to deliberate on disciplinary matters including but not limited to those listed on the agenda, and pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(1,2(A)) to confer with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation.

Termination of Probation

BIXBY, Eileen Marie

Decision Pending

RICHARDSON, Janet M.

Decision Pending

Reinstatements

BECKER, Stacy Shirley

Decision Pending

CAIN, Nancy Jo

Decision Pending

ERNST, Daniel

Decision Pending

HUDSON, Kathryn Ann

Decision Pending

LYNCH, Cathy Lou

Decision Pending

WOODFIN, Michael

Decision Pending

Closed Session Discussion Items

L. Tate, Board Vice President, called the closed session meeting to order at 2:20 pm. The closed session adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Friday, February 17, 2006

L. Tate, Board, President, called the meeting to order at 9:06 and had the Board members introduce themselves. The Board welcomed students from San Jose State University.

3.0 OPEN FORUM

Laura Melford, from Public Health Clinic in San Francisco, CA. The clinic serves primarily homeless and marginally housed in the Tenderloin District.

Nancy Jacobs, NP, El Dorado County Health Department, concerning NP Scope of Practice concerns.

4.0 APPROVE/NOT APPROVE MINUTES OF December 1-2, 2005 Board Meeting.

MSC: Dietz/Phillips that the Board approve minutes from the December 1-2, 2005 Board meeting. 9/0/0

5.0 REPORT ON BOARD MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

S. Phillips and S. Brank, Assistant Executive Officer, met with the Emergency Medical Authority on December 21, 2005.

L. Tate attended ACNL annual meeting on February 5-8, 2006 in Los Angeles.

6.0 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT ON BOARD AND DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

R. Terry presented this report

1.0 Agency Secretary Appointed

On January 31, 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger announced the appointment of Rosario Marin as secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency. Since 2004, she has served as a member and chair of the Integrated Waste Management Board. In 2001, President George W. Bush appointed Ms. Marin the 41st Treasurer of the United States.

2.0 Board's Budget Update

Budget

The Governor's Budget for FY 2006/07 was presented to the Legislature on January 10, 2006. The Board's budget is \$21.3 million. This budget reflects an increase of \$145,000 for Workforce Expansion. In FY 2003/04 the Board loaned the General Fund \$12 million. The final loan repayment will be made during this FY 2005/06 in the amount of \$5.8 million plus \$439,000 in interest.

Current Year 2005/06 and Reserve

The Board's current year budget is \$20,474,603. Personnel Years (PY's) are 94.7 that reflect the loss of 2 positions. The Board's Fund Condition had a reserve of 4.4 months in prior year 2004/05, a projected reserve of 5.9 months for current year, and a projected 3.4 months for FY 2006/07.

3.0 Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Updates

iLicensing System – On December 19, 2005, the Department of Finance (DOF) approved DCA's iLicensing Feasibility Study Report (FSR), since it would improve public service and increase agency efficiency by allowing submission of initial and renewal license applications and credit card payments through the Internet.

On December 23, 2005, the DOF submitted DCA's request to begin project activities by using Section 26.00 for the redirection of \$635,000 between programs and Section 11.00 for proposed contracts that were to be awarded before the enactment of the 2006 Budget Act. However, DCA has been notified that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) did not concur with DOF's intent to approve these actions and the JLBC wanted the opportunity to review the project during the 2006-07 budget process. DCA has been advised to continue to modify the project information for the forthcoming revised FSR and Spring Finance Letter needed to reflect a July 2006 start date.

Customer Service – DCA is developing a Customer Service Improvement Model that will provide a tool to review information that is provided to the public.

4.0 Sunset Review

Notification will be sent out within the next couple of weeks for those Boards that are due for review during FY 2006/07. The report is due by September 1, 2006.

5.0 Move Update

The Board's relocation took place on December 9th, 10th, and 12th, with staff returning to work on Tuesday, December 13th. Staff continues to meet with DCA's

Telecommunications Unit to identify additional features that are needed to enable staff to answer calls more efficiently.

6.0 World Trade Meeting

Senator Figueroa, Chairperson of the Senate Subcommittee on International Trade Policy and State Legislation held a special hearing on January 23rd that focused on the World Trade Organization's General Agreement on Trade in Services. The goal of the hearing was to better understand how GATS will affect California and what actions, if any, state legislators can take to ensure that our laws and standards are not preempted by GATS rules. The focus of the hearing was on energy and health and the BRN was asked to discuss the potential impact on nursing.

7.0 Personnel

The following personnel changes have transpired since the last Board Meeting:

<u>New Hires</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Board Program</u>
Randall Hoffard	Office Assistant	Licensee Support
Sean McClary	Office Assistant	Licensee Support
Linda Bronson	Office Technician	Administration

<u>Promotions</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Board Program</u>
Elizabeth Byers	Mgmt Services Technician	Enforcement
Susan Huntoon	Staff Services Analyst	Licensing
Alvin Abaya	Office Technician	Licensing
Rosa Garcia-Farman	Office Technician	Licensee Support

<u>Separations</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Board Program</u>
Christina Leung	Office Technician	Diversion/Probation
Jessie Marin	Staff Services Analyst	Licensing
Kami Pratab	Staff Services Analyst	Licensing

7.0 REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

L. Tate, Chairperson

7.1 Information Only: Update on Education Advisory Committee

R. Terry presented this report

Deferred to Report of Education/Licensing Committee.

7.2 Information Only: Scheduling of the Strategic Planning Workshop

R. Terry presented this report

Board members and Management staff will meet on April 6, 2006 to review and make any necessary changes to the 2005 Strategic Plan, in order to ensure that the Board carries out its mission.

8.0 REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

L. Tate, Chairperson

8.1 Information Only: Goals and Objectives – Summary of Accomplishments for 2005

L. Bailey presented this report

A summary of Legislative committee accomplishments for 2005 was presented. .

GOAL 1: Keep the Board of Registered Nursing informed about pertinent legislation that may affect nursing practice, education, nurses' roles in the delivery of health care and administrative functions of the Board.

OBJECTIVE: 1.1 Analyze legislative proposals and make position recommendations to the Board at each Board meeting.

The committee provided information and analyses of each bill followed, and made recommendations to the Board at each Board meeting.

GOAL 2: Monitor current legislation on behalf of the Board.

OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Advocate for or against legislation as directed by the Board.

The committee monitored legislative bills relative to the Board and committee staff advocated for bills supported by the Board and voiced the concerns of the Board for those bills in opposition.

OBJECTIVE: 2.2 Review and suggest appropriate amendments as necessary.

The committee staff participated in recommending and writing amendments to specific bills relative to Board action.

GOAL 3: Serve as a resource to other Board Committees on legislative and regulatory matters.

OBJECTIVE: 3.1 Assist other Board Committees in reviewing legislative and regulatory proposals.

The committee staff served as a resource to other Board Committee members and committee liaisons concerning legislative issues that impacted their respective committees.

GOAL 4: Enhance the Board's process to proactively identify legislation that potentially impacts nursing and the Board.

OBJECTIVE: 4.1 Evaluate resources, e.g. Internet, new legislative publications, etc., as sources of pertinent legislative information.

Staff utilized the California Legislative Information maintained by the Legislative Council on the Internet, as well as StateNet. Legislative publications from various associations, and state publications, were also used as resources for legislative activities.

OBJECTIVE: 4.2 Maintain consistent dialogue with DCA legislative unit, legislators and their staff.

The committee was proactive in identifying and monitoring legislation relative to the Board.

8.2 Information Only: 2005 Legislative Session Summary
L. Bailey presented this report

During the 2005 Legislative Session, many bills of general interest to the Board or those having potential impact on the administration of the Board were followed. Although these bills address many subjects, each affects registered nursing in some way. There were twenty-seven (27) bills followed by the Board, thirteen (13) were signed into law by the Governor, two (2) were vetoed, seven (7) failed in committees or were no longer applicable to the Board and five (5) are two-year bills. The following is a brief description of the chaptered bills followed by the Board. Unless otherwise stated, the statutes of 2005 became effective January 1, 2006.

AB 702 (Koretz)
Chapter 611, Statutes of 2005
Nursing Education

AB 702 allows the Office of Statewide Health planning and Development to provide financial assistance to students who are seeking a master's or doctoral degree in nursing, from funds in the Registered nurse Education Program within the Health Professions Education Foundation. It requires that a registered nurse or student must commit to teaching nursing in a California nursing school for five (5) years in order to receive a scholarship or loan repayment for a master's or doctoral degree program.

AB 1116 (Yee)
Chapter 637, Statutes of 2005
Community care facilities: foster children: injections

AB 1116 authorizes designated foster care providers and other persons to administer emergency medical assistance and injections for severe diabetic hypoglycemia and anaphylactic shock, and subcutaneous injections of other prescribed medication, to a foster child, if the provider is trained to administer injections by a licensed health care professional. It also requires the licensed health care professional to periodically review, correct, or update this training, as the health care professional deems necessary and appropriate.

AB 1280 (Maze)
Chapter 515, Statutes of 2005
Public Postsecondary Education: California Community College
Baccalaureate Partnership Program

AB 1280 authorizes the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to annually award up to two grants, not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) each, to collaboratives formed for the purpose of offering baccalaureate degree programs on participating community college campuses. A collaborative is composed of at least one Community college and at least one baccalaureate degree-granting institution.

AB 1711 (Strickland)
Chapter 58, Statutes of 2005
Health Facilities: Immunizations

AB 1711 authorizes a registered nurse or licensed pharmacist to administer, in skilled nursing facilities, influenza and pneumococcal immunizations to patients over 50 years of age, pursuant to standing orders and without patient-specific orders. If the immunization standing orders are not patient specific, then the orders must meet specified federal recommendations and be approved by the medical director of the facility.

SB 68 (Committee on Budget & Fiscal Review)
Chapter 78, Statutes of 2005
Human Services

SB 68 provides for the expansion of the Song-Brown Family Physician Training Act to include increasing the number of students receiving education as registered nurses, through the administration of contracts with nursing education programs

SB 73 (Committee on Budget & Fiscal Review)
Chapter 592, Statutes of 2005
Public Postsecondary Education: master's Degree Nursing Program

SB 73 appropriates \$3,440,000 from the General Fund to the Regents of the University of California and the Trustees of the California State University for the 2005-06 fiscal year for one-time expenditures for instructional equipment, classroom and laboratory renovations, curriculum development, and faculty recruitment for entry-level master's degree nursing programs. It requires an increase of at least 130 full-time equivalent students in entry-level master's degree nursing programs, beginning in the 2006-07 fiscal year.

SB 102 (Ducheny)
Chapter 103, statutes of 2005
Nurse Training Funding

SB 102 authorizes the Employment Training Panel to utilize funds in the Employment Training Fund to finance up to five (5) licensed nurse training

programs to educate individuals who are currently working as nurse assistants or caregivers in health facilities.

SB 614 Figueroa
Chapter 266, Statutes of 2005
Certified Nurse-Midwives

SB 614 deletes the requirement that Schedule II controlled substances, ordered by certified nurse-midwives, can only be ordered in a hospital setting. It authorizes a certified nurse-midwife to furnish or order Schedule II controlled substances under conditions applicable to Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substances. It also requires that a certified nurse-midwife with an active furnishing number provide specified documentation of continuing education relating to Schedule II controlled substances, outside the hospital setting.

SB 724(Scott)
Chapter 269, Statutes of 2005
California State University: Doctoral Degrees

SB 724 authorizes the California State University to award the Doctor of Education degree, and prescribe standards for the awarding of that degree. It requires the California State University, the Department of Finance, and the Legislative

Analyst's Office to jointly conduct, in accordance with prescribed criteria, a statewide evaluation of the doctoral programs implemented under the bill and to report the results of the evaluation, in writing, to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1, 2011.

SB 734 (Torlakson)
Chapter 487, Statutes of 2005
Controlled Substances

SB 734 requires the prescription form for controlled substances, among other provisions, be obtained from security printers approved by the Department of Justice, **instead** of the Board of Pharmacy. The Department of Justice will provide the applicant with the means and directions to provide fingerprints and related information, for the purpose of completing state, federal, or foreign criminal background checks. Also, if a practitioner is **charged** with a felony violation relative to controlled substances, the court, in its orders, would be required to prohibit a practitioner from obtaining, ordering, or using any additional prescription forms, and require the law enforcement agency to notify the Department of Justice.

SB 796 (Figueroa)
Chapter 686, Statutes of 2005
State Government Operation Accountability

SB 796 enacts the Government Modernization, Efficiency, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2005, which, among other provisions, would require until January 1, 2012, every state agency, department, board, bureau, commission, or other governmental entity that issues permits or licenses to individuals or businesses to do the following:

Post on a Web site, no later than January 1, 2007, a link entitled "customer service" that contains, among other things, specified information for frequently asked questions, forms and applications, and instructions for filing complaints in electronic format via the Internet. Post on its homepage of the Website, no later than January 1, 2007, a link entitled "Decisions Pending and Opportunities for Public Participation", referencing all public meetings and agendas related to state regulatory actions.

Hearings on proposed regulations are televised over the Internet via a Web cast or other technology, to the extent practicable.

SB 1111(Figueroa)
Chapter 621, Statues of 2005
Professions and Vocations

SB 1111 deletes the requirement that an applicant who fails the NCLEX examination be reexamined, but not more frequently than once every three months.

9.0 REPORT OF THE DIVERSION/DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

J. Furillo, Chairperson

9.1 Information Only: Enforcement Program Update and Statistics

E. Hochberg presented this report

A copy of the Enforcement Program statistics for the first five months of fiscal year 2005-2006 (July 2005 through November 2005), were provided for review.

The number of licensee disciplinary actions and pleadings filed is still projected to be less than last fiscal year. However, the number of referrals to the Attorney General's Office (AG) by the Enforcement Program is projected to be greater than any of the five previous fiscal years.

The breakdown of how disciplinary action is achieved (i.e. by stipulated agreement, administrative hearing, and default decision) reflects the increasing ability to settle cases by stipulated agreement (64%). This would be the highest that has been obtained historically.

The Board will continue to monitor statistics and future projections, in light of the AG budget increase in fiscal year 2005-2006. Also, continue to monitor the

Division of Investigation on aging cases and cases referred to DOI in fiscal year 2005-2006.

9.2 Information Only: Probation Program Update and Statistics

C. Stanford presented this report

Program Update

L. Kawano, Manager for the Diversion/Probation Program accepted a position with the State Controller's Office, in the Unclaimed Property Tax Unit.

C. Leung, the program's office technician accepted a position at the Public Employees Retirement System. M. Rose who is returning to the BRN as a retired annuitant will temporarily fill her position.

Statistics

Below are the current statistics for the Probation Program through December 31, 2005.

MALE	110
FEMALE	320
CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CASES	239
PRACTICE CASES	136
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	237
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	193
PENDING AT THE AG	29
ADVANCED CERTIFICATES	42
TOTAL IN-STATE PROBATIONERS	430

9.3 Information Only: Diversion Program Update and Statistics

C. Stanford presented this report

Contractor Update

Sonja Menenberg, the previous Program Director for the Diversion Program at Maximus, resigned effective December 6, 2005. She accepted a position at Kaiser Permanente. Don Fensterman is the Acting Program Director until a new director is hired.

Diversion Evaluation Committees (DEC)

There are currently seven vacancies as follows: two Public, two Physicians and three Registered Nurses. Recruitment efforts have been stepped up in an effort to establish a larger pool of eligible candidates for appointment.

Statistics

A copy of the corrected Monthly Statistical Summary Report for August through September 30, 2005, and the current Monthly Statistical Report for October through November 30, 2005 was provided for review. As of November 30, 2005, there are 1111 successful completions.

9.4 (a) Approve/Not Approve: Diversion Evaluation Committee Member Appointment

(b) Information Only: Diversion Evaluation Committee Member Resignations

C. Stanford presented this report

(a): APPROVE/ NOT APPROVE:

Listed below is the public member being recommended for appointment to the Ontario DEC. He was interviewed and appears to be well qualified. If appointed, he will serve a four-year term that will expire June 30, 2010.

Appointment:

Robert Robinson	Public Member	Ontario DEC #9
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MSC: Phillips/Glaab that the Board approve the DEC member appointment. 9/0/0

(b) INFORMATION ONLY:

The Diversion Evaluation Committee members listed below have submitted their resignations. Both have served two terms that were going to expire in either 2006 or 2007.

Resignations:

Mary Hegarty	Nurse Member	Central Valley DEC #5
Richard Sheridan	Physician Member	North Coast DEC #11

10.0 REPORT OF THE EDUCATION/LICENSING COMMITTEE

C. Morales-Board, Chairperson

10.1 Approve/Not Approve: Education/Licensing Committee Recommendations:

M. Minato presented this report

Defer Action to Continue Approval of Nursing Education Program:

- Merritt College, ADN Program

Approve Major Curriculum Revisions:

- Los Angeles Valley College, ADN Program

MSC: Tate/Corse that the Board approve the recommendations from the Education/Licensing Committee. 9/0/0

10.2 Ratify Minor Curriculum Revisions

M. Minato presented this report

According to Board policy, Nursing Education Consultants may approve minor curriculum changes that do not significantly alter philosophy, objectives, or content. Approvals must be reported to the Education/Licensing Committee and the Board.

The following programs have submitted minor curriculum revisions that have been approved by the NECs:

- Sonoma State University, Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- Sonoma State University, ELM Option
- California State University, Sacramento, BSN, ELM, and AD-BSN Collaborative
- Allan Hancock College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Cuesta College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Palomar College, Associate Degree Nursing program
- San Joaquin Delta College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Santa Rosa Junior College, Associate Degree Nursing Program

The following programs have submitted a progress report that has been accepted by the NECs:

- National University, Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- Compton Community College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Los Angeles Southwest College, Associate Degree Nursing Program

MSC: Pile/Phillips that the Board approve the minor curriculum revisions. 8/0/0 (Hayashi not present)

10.3 Grant/Not Grant Initial Approval for California State University, Fullerton, Nurse Practitioner Program (WHCNP)

G. Arndt presented this report

B.J. Snell, PhD, CNM, FACNM, WHCNP is the Director of the Women's Health Concentration in the Department of Nursing's graduate program.

On December 14, 2005, G. Arndt, NEC conducted an initial approval visit for CSUF Department of Nursing's advanced practice graduate program. The Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner Program (WHCNP) is in compliance with the Board's rules and regulations. One recommendation was given in 1484 (d)(10): Converting student logs to electronic logs for better tracking of required experiences.

CSUF had a long history of post-licensure nursing education with undergraduate and graduate degrees for Registered Nurses. The MSN degree is offered in the following concentrations: Nurse Administrator, School Nurse, FNP, and CRNA.

(The last two in collaboration with UC Irving and Kaiser Permanente, respectively). The Women's Health Care NP Program began in 2003 as the first of two tracks in the newest concentration, Women's Health. The WHCNP overlaps well with the practice of nurse midwifery and students may complete the requirements for both tracks.

There are currently eight students enrolled in the master's WHCNP track, seven of which are also in the CNM track. The students expect to complete the requirements for graduation in December 2006.

MSC: Dietz/Glaab that the Board grant initial approval of California State University, Fullerton, Nurse Practitioner Program (WHCNP) 8/0/0 (Phillips refrained from voting)

10.4 Grant/Not Grant Initial Approval for California State University Fullerton, Nurse Midwifery Program

G. Arndt presented this report

B.J. Snell, PhD, CNM, FACNM, WHCNP is the Director of the Women's Health Concentration in the Department of Nursing's graduate program.

On December 14, 2005, G. Arndt, NEC conducted an initial approval visit for CSUF Department of Nursing's advanced practice graduate program. The Nurse Midwifery Program (NM) is in compliance with the Board's rules and regulations. One recommendation was given in CCR 1462(a)(3): adding scope of practice language to program outcomes (terminal objective).

CSUF has a long history of post-licensure nursing education with both undergraduate and graduate degrees for Registered Nurses. The MSN degree is offered in the areas of: Nurse Administrator, School Nurse, FNP, and CRNA. (The last two in collaboration with UC Irving and Kaiser Permanente, respectively). The Nurse Midwifery Program began in 2004 as the second of two tracks in the new Women's Health concentration.

There are currently seven students enrolled in the master's midwifery track. The students expect to complete the requirements for graduation in December 2006.

MSC: Dietz/Glaab that the Board grant initial approval for CSUF, NM Program 8/0/0 (Phillips refrained from voting)

10.5 Accept/Not Accept Feasibility Study for Mira Costa College LVN-RN Associate Degree Nursing Program

M. Minato presented this report

Dr. Sharon Hall, former Associate Dean, Allied Health Programs at Glendale Community College, and Mary Wynn, former Associate Dean and Program Director at Pasadena City College, are consultants to the College.

Mira Costa College (MCC) submitted a feasibility study for a prelicensure LVN-to RN associate degree nursing program.

MCC includes the areas of Oceanside, Carlsbad, La Costa, Encinitas, Livenhain, Rancho Santa Fe, Cardiff, Solana Beach, Del Mar and Carmel Valley.

Opened in 1934, MCC is on a 121 acre site and has grown, and it now has a total credit enrollment of approximately 10,400 students with an additional 4,000 non-credit students enrolled at the Education Center. The campus formulated a 5-year plan for growth and remodeling, and the Institutional Master Planning specifically addresses the necessity to respond to the community need of having an LVN-RN program.

The Health Occupations Department is located at the main campus and offers a Vocational Nursing Program as well as a certified nursing assistant, home health aide, medical assisting, physical therapy aide and surgical technology. The LVN program began in 1964, and a community survey supports the presence of nursing curricula on the MCC campus.

The North County 's population has grown by 18% during the 90's and is projected to grow by another 18% by 2010 and by 28% before 2020. The feasibility study includes the profile of the communities served as well as the mortality and health status of the people of San Diego County.

There are four LVN programs and five Associate Degree nursing programs currently serving the San Diego area as well. Additionally, San Diego State, National University, CSU San Marcos and Point Loma Nazarene offer baccalaureate nursing programs.

The program proposes the creation of a career Ladder LVN-RN Associate Degree Nursing Program. It will be structured for the LVN seeking advancement for RN Licensure with scheduling educational activities almost exclusively focused on evening and weekend. It is anticipated that the program will admit 36 students in the Winter intersession of 2007 with a completion date for the first cohort of December 2007.

A letter was sent to the program requesting additional information regarding curriculum, resources, faculty etc. The current program on campus is minimally adequate as stated in the feasibility study to support this new program. In terms of budgetary provisions MCC is pursuing grants and collaborative relationships with health care institutions, Palomar-Pomerado and Tri-City, large health care organizations, to support this program. MCC is however fiscally strong.

MSC: Corse/Phillips that the Board accept the Feasibility Study for Mira Costa College LVN-RN Associate Degree Nursing Program 9/0/0

10.6 Accept/Not Accept Feasibility Study for Unitek College, LVN-RN Associate Degree Nursing Program

M. Minato presented this report

Lee Winters, MD, MBA, Margarita Vales, RN, MSN, and Lisa Long were present.

Unitek College is an independent institution of higher education dedicated to offering lifelong learning opportunities to a diverse population of adult learners in the fields of LVN, pharmacy technology, emergency medicine and medical assisting. Unitek College has two campuses, Fremont and Santa Clara, and programs are divided into two schools: Information Technology and Healthcare, both of which offer certificate programs.

Unitek College advisory board is diverse and representative of the community. Unitek College campuses are near the center of three contiguous counties that wrap around the southern portion of the San Francisco Bay - Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, and 90% of the students are residents of these three counties.

The average class size is 25 students. The average age range of the college's student populations is 23-34 years, with 34% coming from under-represented ethnic groups. The average distance the LVN students travel to class is less than 15 miles, and participating clinical sites are within 30 minutes from Unitek College.

The Bureau of Private Post-Secondary Education (BPPVE) and the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians currently approve Unitek College and its current programs. The LVN program began in March 2004 and run classes in both campuses simultaneously.

In June 2005 a task force was formed within the college to consider the feasibility of offering an LVN-RN program. A marketing study was conducted, which supported the need for such a program based on factors such as local manpower needs, location of the campuses, eligible student population, professional instructional resources and untapped clinical agencies.

The feasibility study describes the characteristics of the population to be served and current and emergent health needs of the three counties. There are 10 ADN nursing program within the radius of 50 miles to Unitek College, and there are five BSN Nursing Programs. According to Unitek College's feasibility study, there are 1,850 vacant RN positions in the three counties they serve. Additionally, many hospitals are expanding in the South San Francisco Bay area such as county hospitals, clinics, and Kaiser.

The type of program proposed is for licensed vocational nurses that have **completed** the prerequisites and one-year experience in an acute hospital, clinic or long-term care setting. The first cohort of students could be admitted Fall 2006

or 2007. Eighty (80) students per year will enter the LVN-RN program. The total number of admissions projected in its five-year enrollment plan is 660.

Unitek College will provide \$750,000 in initial funding to start the LVN to RN program. Thereafter, tuition fees will sustain the ongoing costs of operating the program. Unitek College maintains sufficient reserves for unexpected incidents requiring additional funding.

A letter was sent to Unitek College for clarification regarding faculty, space, resources, curriculum, and clinical placement. Letters of support for the program were submitted within the feasibility study. If Unitek College feasibility study is approved and Unitek College pursues the steps for approval, BPPVE approval to grant nursing degrees is required.

MSC: Corse/Glaab that the Board accept the Feasibility Study for Unitek College LVN-RN Associate Degree Nursing Program 9/0/0

10.7 Information Only: Bay Area Centralized Clinical Placement System and Faculty

M. Minato presented this report

The Centralized Clinical Placement System (CCPS) is a non-profit internet-based service, located at <http://ccps.foundationccc.org>. This service is provided to schools and clinical agencies in order to optimize and expand nursing student clinical placements within the nine county San Francisco Bay Area, resulting in:

- Improved utilization of existing clinical placement capacity and increased access to new clinical sites;
- Improved and streamlined processes for matching nursing students with clinical placements;
- Increased alignment and collaboration between clinical agencies and schools to ensure a flexible system that is able to quickly change to meet the ever-changing workforce needs of the healthcare system; and,
- Increased capacity of Bay Area schools of nursing, which will result in an increased number of new nurses.

CCPS is accessed by clinical placement coordinators at schools and agencies to input placement availability, placement requests, and then to match the requests. It serves as a single location for requesting placements, approving placements, and printing schedules. The service will initially be used within the nine Bay Area counties, but can be expanded or scaled to accommodate a broader geography and/or other allied health professionals.

Currently 24 Bay Area nursing schools and 80% of clinical agencies have signed on with the system. This system would allow for greater flexibility in matching students to clinical placements for both hospitals and schools and help to identify clinical placement opportunities that schools and/or hospitals might not have considered.

CCPS is intended to be one component of a large web-based suite of services called the Bay Area Nursing Resource Center. CCPS is phase one of three “shared services” that is part of the Betty Irene Moore Nursing Initiative through the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. The other two are the Centralized Faculty Resource Center and Regional Simulation Centers.

The Board is participating in meetings with Deloras Jones and KT Waxman of California Institute for Nursing and Health and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency for expansion of CCPS, development of Faculty Registry System, and establishing regional simulation centers.

The system was demonstrated by Cheryl Swensen, Brenda Epperley, and KT Waxman.

10.8 Information Only: BRN 2004-2005 Annual Report Survey

C. Mackay presented this report

The Education Advisory Committee (EAC) met on December 8, 2005 to review the findings of the survey. A subcommittee was formed to finalize the report. Highlights from the survey were presented to the ELC at their January 12, 2006 meeting. The final report was presented to the Board at their February 17, 2006 meeting.

Several survey related activities are occurring:

- Jim Comins, an EAC member, has developed a CD-ROM tracking program for nursing programs to collect some of the required survey data. Nursing program directors will receive training on “how to use the program” this winter. In addition, the tracking program will be distributed to all directors.
- Currently, the database for this new survey is housed at MGT of America. Through an interagency agreement between the BRN and UCSF, the database will be moved to UCSF in 2006. It is anticipated that UCSF will conduct further research/trend analysis on the 2004-2005 database, as well as design/conduct the 2005-2006 BRN Annual School Survey. Currently, problems with the interagency agreement are being addressed.
- One of the conditions of the grant for this pilot survey is to develop a process for access to the database by Board approved users. The Board plans to develop a process similar to the one currently being used at the Office of Statewide Planning and Development for accessing information related to clinics, etc.
- A work plan and timeline for the remaining 6 months of the project was developed at the 12/8/05 EAC meeting. Activities in the work plan include: revising the questionnaire, developing an articulation report and developing/sending a questionnaire to determine the usefulness of the data in the annual report.

10.9 Information Only: Update on Nurse Workforce Activities

M. Minato presented this report

On July 14, 2005 a newly created Governor's Nursing Education Initiative Task Force met to provide a coordinated effort to reduce the nursing shortage and to determine ways to collaboratively educate more nurses in California. The Task Force is comprised of Cabinet Secretaries, the President of the University of California and the Chancellors of the California Community Colleges and California State University. The Task Force formed four work groups to address different aspects of the nursing shortage. The four work groups are: Educational Capacity Expansion; Alternative Educational Opportunities; Legislative Issues, and, Financial Issues. Ruth Ann Terry, Susan Brank, Louise Bailey, and Miyo Minato have represented the Board at various monthly meetings that have been held since August 2005. The Board has been most active with the Educational Capacity Expansion work group.

Educational Capacity Expansion Work Group's responsibility included identifying ways to expand educational capacity in California's nursing programs at all levels (ADN, BSN, MSN). The committee recognized that the expansion plan required working collaboratively and forming partnerships. This group set goals to review ways to increase the number of faculty, student enrollments, and available clinical spaces. Examples of committee activities include:

- Expanding and sharing of clinical simulation laboratories and clinical facilities:
- The committee reviewed the Centralized Clinical Placement System in the Bay Area and the Faculty Registry System that was developed by California Institute of Nursing for Health Care (CINHC). The committee is reviewing how the use of this type of system can be expanded.
- The committee visited the Center for Virtual Care (CVC) at UC Davis Medical Center to learn more about the equipment, staffing, and the use of simulation center. The center has two-simulation rooms on the lower level and skills lab rooms on the upper floor and staffed by an Administrator, a coordinator, a nurse educator, and other support staff. CVC is used for training of health professionals, including physicians, nurses, residents, medical students, nursing students, paramedics and respiratory therapy students. The use of advanced human patient simulation system allows realistic and automatic responses to clinical interventions and drug administrations. They have the capability to simulate patient care situations ranging from infant through adult. Simulation experience offers safe environment in which the learner may develop and improve skills through sustained deliberate practice (basic to complex skills). Summary attached.
- The committee is, also, studying the development of regional simulation centers and is recommending funding of six regional simulation centers. The Board is coordinating a survey with CINHC of available resources for clinical simulation at the prelicensure nursing programs in California. The survey was sent in January 2006 and data are being tabulated. This data will be used in planning for sharing and establishing the regional simulation centers.

- Increasing enrollment of students in UC, CSU, CCCs:
- UC's goal to increase enrollment by 100 students for 06-07: UCLA to reopen for BSN and ELM programs; UCI proposing a new BSN program.
- CSU's goal is to increase enrollment by 30 percent, placing emphasis on ELM admissions. There are 10,500 students enrolled in all campus, including pre-nursing programs. Campuses considering new RN programs are CSU Northridge (Accelerated) and CSU Channel Island. Other campuses with existing nursing programs, although impacted, have increased admissions.
- CCC has 4,500 students enrolled in nursing programs. With the Governor's initiative to expand enrollment in CCCs, and additional 800 students will enroll every two years. There is also an additional \$10 million set aside in the budget to enroll 1,800 additional students in two years. Between 3 and four colleges are interested in starting new nursing programs.
- Recruiting and providing funding for qualified faculty:
- The Nursing Education Initiative included offering loan forgiveness to graduate level nursing students to encourage more nurses to become faculty
- Considerations are being given to review faculty salaries at UCs, CSUs, and CCCs.

Song-Brown Act: OSHPD News Release January 26, 2006:

Governor Schwarzenegger has made \$2.75 million available to increase student capacity at California registered nursing schools. The program is funded through the Governor's \$90 million California Nursing Education Initiative, a public-private partnership addressing California's nursing shortage by improving nurse recruitment, training and retention. OSHPD's Healthcare Workforce and Community Development Division will administer the application process for the new funds. The Song-Brown Act calls for the appointment of a 10-member Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission to serve as the applications review panel and make recommendations to OSHPD for the award of contracts at public meeting. Attached is the news release.

10.10 Information Only: NCLEX Pass Rate Update

K. Daugherty presented this report

The Board of Registered Nursing receives quarterly reports from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) about the NCLEX-RN test results by quarter and with an annual perspective. The following tables show this information for 12 months and by each quarter.

NCLEX RESULTS – FIRST TIME CANDIDATES January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

JURISDICTION	TOTAL TAKING TEST	PERCENT PASSED %
California	6,735	86.01%
United States and Territories	99, 186	87.29%

CALIFORNIA NCLEX RESULTS – FIRST TIME CANDIDATES

By Quarters and Year – 01/01/05 – 12/31/05

01/01/05 – 03/31/05*		04/01/05 – 06/30/05*		07/01/05 – 09/30/05*		10/01/05 – 12/31/05*		01/01/05 – 12/31/05*	
# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass
1,852	87.74%	1,237	87.15%	3,084	86.22%	562	76.69%	6,735	86.01%

*Includes (6), (6), (9) & (8) "re-entry" candidates

The Nursing Education Consultants monitor the NCLEX results of their assigned programs. Current procedure provides that after each academic year, if there is substandard performance (below 70% pass rate for first time candidates), the NEC requests that the program director submit a report outlining the program's action plan to address this substandard performance. Should this substandard performance continue in the second academic year, an interim visit is scheduled and a written report is submitted to the Education/Licensing Committee. If there is no improvement in the next quarter, a full approval visit is scheduled within six months. A report is made to the Education /Licensing Committee following the full approval visit.

The Board will continue to monitor results

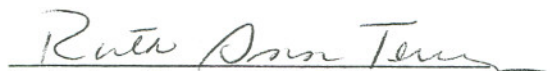
11.0 Election of Officers for 2006


C. Morales/Board

The deadline to submit letters of interest to the Nominating Committee for the positions of President and Vice President was January 20, 2006. The committee received one (1) letter for the office of president, and two (2) letters for the office of vice president. There were no nominations from the floor.

The officers for 2006 were elected as follows: L. Tate – President, and G. Corse, Vice President.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 pm.


Ruth Ann Terry, MPH, RN
Executive Officer


L. Tate
President